1 4 DEC 2001

Sheet 1 of 1 U.S. Department of Commerce Serial No. U.S. National Stage of Form PTO-1449 Atty. Docket No. F-7251 (Rev. 7-80) PCT/DE00/02010 filed June 14, 2000 Patent and Trademark Office 42-44F (F-49) Applicant Reinhard MAUERMANN et al. 9 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use s veral sheets if necessary) **Filing Date Concurrently** Group (Not yet known) herewith **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** Examiner **Document Number** Date Name Class **Subclass Filing Date** Initial **Appropriate FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** Date **Document Number** Country Class **Subclass Translation** Yes No 7 9 0 5 0 July 16, 1998 Germany Jan. 27, 1999 0 8 9 3 8 0 1 Europe Mar. 30, 1995 3 3 3 0 5. Germany 7 May 28, 1997 9 6 0 2 0 5 Germany OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) DATE CONSIDERED **EXAMINER**

EXAMINER: Initial if referenc considered, whether r not citati n is in conf rmanc with MPEP 609; Draw line thr ugh citation if not in

conformanc and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.